

A
SOLEMN LEAGUE
AND
COVENANT
FOR
REFORMATION,
AND
Defence of RELIGION, The Honour
and Happinels of the KING, and the Peace
and Safety of the three Kingdoms
OF
Scotland, England, and Ireland.

Appointed to be renewed

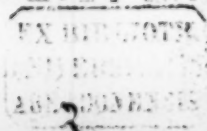
By the Acts of the COMMISSION of the
GENERALL ASSEMBLY, and the
COMMITTEE of ESTATES of the
sixth and fourteenth dayes of this
moneth of October.

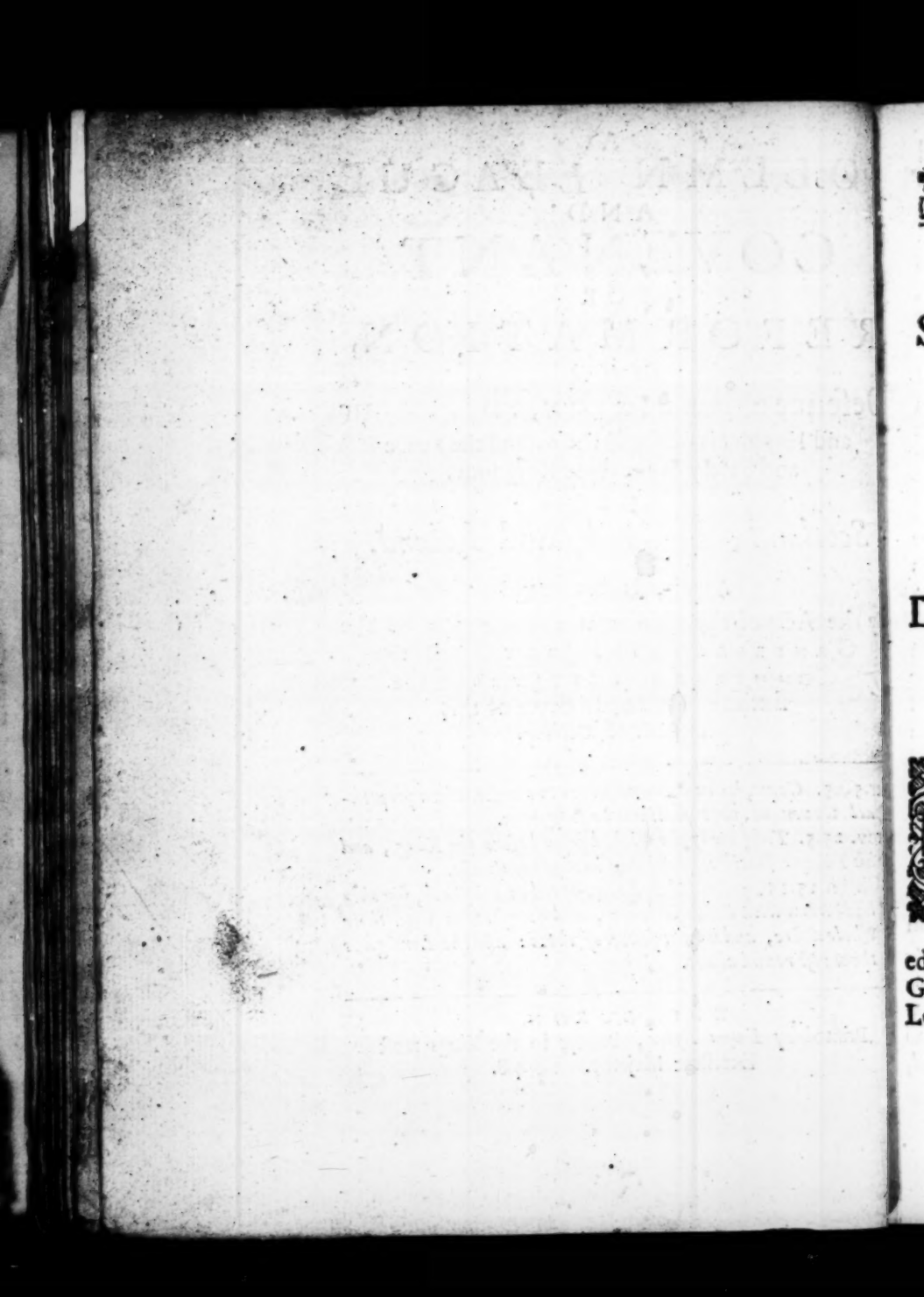
*Jer. 50. 5. Come, let us joyn our selves to the Lord in a perpetu-
all Covenant, that shall not be forgotten.*

*Prov. 25. 5. Take away the Wicked from before the King, and
his Throne shall be established in righteousnesse.*

*2 Chron. 15. 15. And all Iudah rejoiced at the Oath, for they
had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their
whole desire, and he was found of them: and the Lord gave
them rest round about.*

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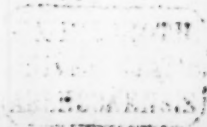
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WE Noble men, Barons, Knights,
Gentlemen, Citizens, Burgesſes,
Ministers of the Goſpel, and Com-
mons of all ſorts in the Kingdoms of
Scotland, England and Ireland, by the
providence of GOD living under
one King, and being of one reform-
ed Religion, Having before our eyes the glory of
GOD, and the advancement of the Kingdom of our
Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, the Honour and Hap-
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pinesse of the Kings Majestie and his Posterity, and
the true publick Liberty, Safety, and Peace of the
Kingdoms, wherein every ones private condition is
included; And calling to minde the treacherous and
bloody Plots, Conspiracies, Attempts, and Practices
of the Enemies of G O D, against the true Religion,
and Professours thereof in all places, especially in these
three Kingdoms ever since the Reformation of Religi-
on, and how much their rage, power and presumption
are of late, and at this time increased and exercised;
whereof the deplorable estate of the Church and
Kingdom of *Ireland*, the distressed estate of the Church
and Kingdom of *England*, and the dangerous estate of
the Church and Kingdom of *Scotland* are present and
publick testimonies; We have now at last (after other
means of Supplication, Remonstrance, Protestations
and Sufferings) for the preservation of our selves and
our Religion from utter ruine and destruction, accord-
ing to the commendable practice of these Kingdoms in
former times, and the example of G O D S People
in other Nations, after mature deliberation, resolved
and determined to enter into a mutuall and solemn
League and Covenant: Wherein we all subscribe, and
each one of us for himself, with our hands lifted up to
the most high G O D do Swear:

I. **T**HAT we shall sincerely, really and constantly
through the grace of G O D, endeavour
in our severall places and callings, the preservation
of the Reformed Religion in the Church of *Scot-
land* in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Govern-
ment, against our common Enemies; The Reforma-
tion of Religion in the Kingdoms of *England* and
Ireland,

Ireland, in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government, according to the Word of G O D, and the example of the best Reformed Churches; And shall endeavour to bring the Churches of G O D in the three Kingdoms, to the nearest conjunction and Uniformity in Religion, Confession of Faith, Form of Church-government, Directory for Worship and Catechizing; That we and our Posterity after us, may, as Brethren, live in Faith and Love, and the Lord may delight to dwell in the midst of us.

2. That we shall in like manner, without respect of persons, endeavour the Extirpation of Popery, Prelacy (that is, Church-government by Arch-bishops, Bishops, their Chancellours and Commissaries, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Arch-deacons, and all other Ecclesiasticall Officers depending on that Hierarchy) Superstition, Heresie, Schism, Prophanesse, and whatsoever shall be found to be contrary to sound Doctrine, and the power of Godlinesse; Lest we partake in other mens sins, and thereby be in danger to receive of their plagues; And that the Lord may be one, and his Name one in the three Kingdoms.

3. We shall with the same sincerity, reality and constancie, in our severall vocations, endeavour with our estates and lives mutually to preserve the Rights and Priviledges of the Parliaments, and the Liberties of the Kingdoms; And to preserve and defend the Kings Majesties Person and Authority, in the preservation and defence of the true Religion, and Liberties of the Kingdoms; That the world may bear witness with our consciences of our Loyaltie, and that we have no

thoughts or intentions to diminish his Majesties just power and greatnesse.

4. We shall also with all faithfulness endeavour the discovery of all such as have been, or shall be Incendiaries, Malignants, or evil instruments, by hindering the Reformation of Religion, dividing the King from his people, or one of the Kingdomes from another, or making any faction, or parties amongst the people contrary to this League and Covenant, That they may be brought to publick triall, and receive condigne punishment, as the degree of their offences shall require or deserve, or the supream Judicatories of both Kingdomes respectively, or others having power from them for that effect, shall judge convenient.

5. And whereas the happinesse of a blessed Peace between these Kingdomes, denyed in former times to our Progenitors, is by the good Providence of G O D granted unto us, and hath been lately concluded, and settled by both Parliaments, We shall each one of us, according to our place and interest, endeavour that they may remain conjoynd in a firme Peace and Union to all Posterity, And that Justice may be done upon the wilfull Opposers thereof, in manner expressed in the precedent Article.

6. We shall also according to our places and callings in this Common cause of Religion, Liberty, and Peace of the Kingdomes, assist and defend all those that enter into this League and Covenant, in the maintaining and pursuing thereof; And shall not suffer our selves directly or indirectly by whatsoever combination, persuasion

swaſion or terrour, to be divided and withdrawn from this bleſſed Union and conjunction, whither to make defection to the contrary part, or to give our ſelves to a deteſtable indifferency, or neutrality in this cauſe, which ſo much concerneth the Glory of G O D, the good of the Kingdomes, and honour of the King; But ſhall all the dayes of our lives zealouſly and conſtantly continue therein, againſt all oppoſition, and promote the ſame according to our power, againſt all Lets and Impediments whatſoever; And, what we are not able our ſelves to ſuppreſſe or overcome, we ſhall reveale and make known, that it may be timely prevented or removed: All which we ſhall do as in the ſight of G O D.

And, becauſe theſe Kingdomes are guilty of many ſins, and provocations againſt G O D, and his Son Jeſus Chriſt, as is too manifeſt by our preſent diſtreſſes and dangers, the fruits thereof, We profeſſe and declare before G O D and the world, our unfained deſire to be humbled for our own ſins, and for the ſins of theſe Kingdomes, eſpecially that we have not, as we ought, valued the inſteemable benefit of the Goſpel, that we have not laboured for the purity and power thereof, and that we have not endeavoured to receive Chriſt in our hearts, nor to walk worthy of him in our lives, which are the cauſes of other ſins and tranſgreſſions ſo much abounding amongſt us, And our true and unfained purpoſe, deſire, and endeavour for our ſelves, and all others under our power and charge, both in publick and in private, in all duties we owe to G O D and man, to amend our lives, and each one to go before another in the example of a reall Reformation; That
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the Lord may turn away his wrath, and heavy indignation, and establish these Churches and Kingdoms in truth and Peace. And this Covenant we make in the presence of Almighty G O D the Searcher of all hearts, with a true intention to perform the same, As we shall answer at that great Day when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed; Most humbly beseeching the Lord, to strengthen us by his holy Spirit for this end, and to blesse our desires, and proceedings with such successe, as may be deliverance and safety to his people, and encouragement to other Christian Churches groaning under, or in danger of the yoke of Antichristian Tyrannie, to joyn in the same, or like Association and Covenant, To the Glory of G O D, the enlargement of the Kingdome of Jesus Christ, and the peace and tranquillity of Christian Kingdomes, and Common-wealths.

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**THE
PROTESTATION
OF THE GENERALL
Assembly of the Kirk
of SCOTLAND, and of
the Noble-men, Barrons, Gentle-
men, Burrowes, Ministers,
and Commons.**

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